

## At Random

Seems strange that we have to fight Japan.

That seems to be what Hitler wanted, and now it's up to us to knock the hell out of them.

Japan proved itself to be a treacherous, lying and dangerous nation.

That's the reason why she has aligned herself with Hitler's outfit. They fit well together.

There is hard work ahead for America.

There are no office hours for REAL leaders.

True patriotism can only spring from true love for our country.

One of the quickest ways to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others.

Grant Shaw says that he counted 65 dead does and fawns in one day's hunting.

We can't see the sense of any kind of a doe-shooting law.

Crawford county without oil wells is, we believe, the best resort county in Michigan.

Johnny-Johnson says he just can't adjust himself to keeping out of this war.

The Japs must be pretty smart, or else—I well, just how did they get to Pearl Harbor, Manila and other places without anyone there knowing they were coming?

## Saginaw Man Dies From Exposure

## CAME HERE FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

Andrew Rodetich, age 42, of 203 Elm street, Saginaw, died here at Mercy hospital Tuesday evening. Death was caused by exposure.

Rodetich, together with James Freeland of Saginaw, came north to get Christmas trees. They inspected the area west of St. Helen, south of Roscommon. The side roads were poor and they became stuck and unable to travel further. According to Freeland they built a fire and in the meantime Freeland, who was a native of that region, said he would go to an abandoned Indian cabin and see if he could locate a stove. Later he returned and Rodetich had wandered away and he was unable to locate him. After giving up the search, Freeland returned to the Indian cabin for the night and the next morning started out to find his companion. He was located not far away from where he had built the fire and was in a serious condition. Apparently he was exhausted from the day's efforts and laid down to rest and fell asleep.

Freeland went to Highway 76 and hailed a bread truck driver who assisted in taking Rodetich to Roscommon from where state police took him to Grayling Mercy hospital. He was unconscious and his entire body was almost black and badly frozen. Although there was no chance to save his life, everything possible was done to do so and make him comfortable.

Relatives came and took the remains to Saginaw for burial.

## Altar Society Members Enjoy Xmas Tree

The members of St. Mary's Altar society held their business meeting Monday afternoon and when it was over a social afternoon followed, arranged by the hostesses, Mrs. Nelson Corwin and Mrs. B. J. Callahan.

A lighted Christmas tree and the lunch table decorated in the yuletide colors made it a very pleasant affair. Gifts were exchanged.

## 2 WEEKS LEFT

WHAT ABOUT A PIPE FOR PIP?

Buy Christmas Seals

## JAPAN OPENS WAR ON U. S.

Without Hint, Attack Is Made On U. S. Possessions

## At President's Request, Congress Declares War

## GRAYLING MEN ON SCENE OF MAJOR ATTACK

Sunday afternoon radios snapped out the startling news that Japan had attacked U. S. possessions at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the Philippines, and elsewhere. Excitement ran high, for, if the reports were true, it meant that America was at war with that country.

And definitely that was the truth. Without warning Japan had opened warfare on this country. Even while Japanese envoys were negotiating with Washington and our Department of State was using every effort toward a peaceful settlement of their international differences, these surprise attacks occurred.

Congress Declares War Japan fired the first gun, and now it remains to be seen who would fire the last gun. Monday followed with the President calling congress into joint session, when the former made the following address:

To the congress of the United States:

Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to the secretary of state a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

## "Planned Weeks Ago"

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time, the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

"Wake Island Attacked"

Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

This morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As commander-in-chief of the army and navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

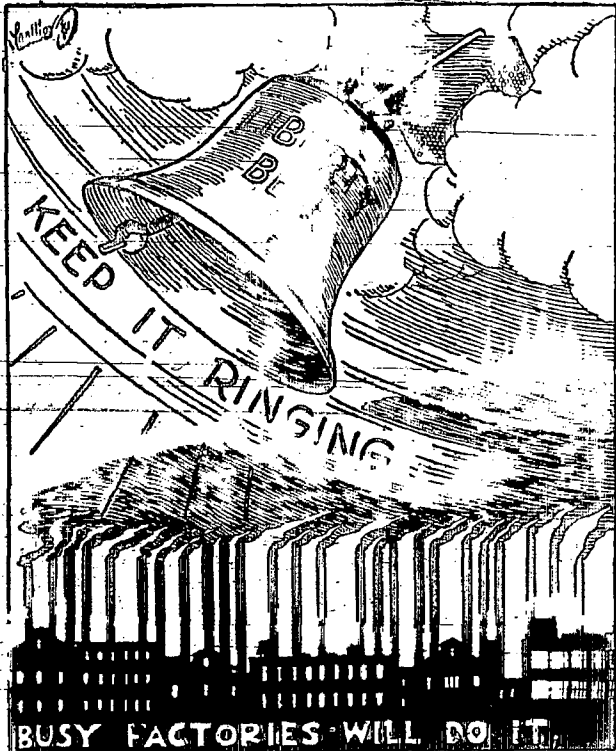
No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe I interpret the will of the congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the utmost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

"Hostilities Exist"

Hostilities exist. There is no

## MOTTO FOR AMERICA



blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

I ask that the congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The White House.

## Japan's Reply To State Department Distorted With Falsehoods

Secretary of State Hull gave the sequence of events as follows.

"At 1 p. m. the Japanese ambassador asked for an appointment for the Japanese representatives to see the secretary of state.

"The appointment was made for 1:45 p. m. The Japanese representatives arrived at the office of the secretary of state at 2:04 p. m. The Japanese ambassador handed to the secretary of state a reply to the document handed to him by the secretary of state on November 28.

"Secretary Hull carefully read the statement presented by the Japanese representatives and immediately turned to the Japanese ambassador and, with the greatest indignation, said:

"I must say that in all my conversations with you (the Japanese ambassador) during the last nine months I have never uttered one word of untruth.

"This is borne out absolutely by the records.

"In all my 50 years of public service I have never seen a document that was more crowded with infamous falsehoods and distortions—on a scale so huge that I never imagined until today that any government on this planet was capable of uttering them."

Envoy's Manner Grave

The full text of the Japanese reply, apparently professing peaceful intentions in the Pacific at the very moment that the Japanese fleet and air units were bombing United States territory, was expected to be made public later.

The Japanese envoys were ushered from Hull's office to meet a battery of news correspondents and cameramen.

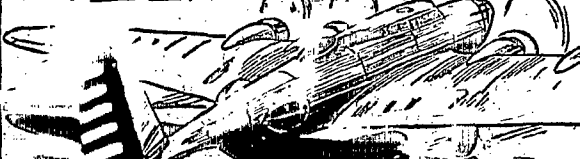
In contrast to their usual bland manner, the envoys rushed through the crowd, donned their overcoats in the diplomatic reception room and hurriedly left.

Their faces were extremely grave. To a barrage of questions they gave few answers.

"Is this your last conference?"

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they were asked. They made no response. "Will there be an embassy statement later?"

Kurusu answered: "I don't know."

"Did you present a document to Mr. Hull?"

Curtly, Kurusu said: "Yes."

Ten minutes later, the White House announced that Japan had attacked.

## Grayling Men At Pearl Harbor

Nothing has been heard from several Grayling men now stationed at Pearl Harbor, and who, no doubt, witnessed the attack of the Japanese bombers. Wm. Hill is there in the employ of the U. S. government, as is also his son John who is employed in construction work. Also his son Robert, an ensign in Uncle Sam's navy and Major Russell E. (Emerson) Bates, serving in a coast artillery regiment are stationed at the Pearl Harbor U. S. Naval base. The latter is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates of Grayling where Mr. Bates was prominent in civic affairs and was Grayling's postmaster for over 25 years. Major Bates is a graduate of West Point and Ensign Hill of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Mrs. William Hill, who resides in Grayling, was making plans to join her husband and sons at Honolulu. No doubt the turn of affairs will prevent her from making the trip.

Lars S. Rasmussen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen, is stationed at Clarks Field, with the 24th Pursuit Squadron of the Headquarters division in the Philippines. Walter SanCartier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus SanCartier, is located at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone, serving with the coast artillery.

Mrs. Ethel (Taylor) Pierce, a former Grayling girl, with her husband is in the Canal Zone.

## Dist. Convention of Catholic Women Well Attended

With a good representation of members of the National Council of Catholic Women present from all parts of the district, the meeting held in Grayling at St. Mary's parish hall Wednesday evening of last week was a fine success.

The evening's program opened with prayer led by Rev. Fr. James Moloney, who also welcomed the guests in behalf of the Catholic Women's Guild who were the hosts for the evening.

There was a short musical program preceding the meeting when Mrs. Frank Gross sang a solo, followed by a vocal duet by Mrs. Gross and Miss Helene Babbitt. Maxine Glise, Jean Rasmussen and Gloria Moore, members of Girl Scout Troop 2, which is sponsored by the Guild, sang two songs.

Mrs. W. J. Heric, president of the local organization, introduced Mrs. Smith of Mancelona, district president, who called the meeting to order. Following roll call and the minutes of the previous meeting read by the secretary, reports were given by unit presidents, which showed there has been some fine work done for the youth of the various communities.

Highlighting the evening's program was an inspiring talk given by Mrs. O'Neill, diocesan president of Paris, Mich.

The parish hall was decorated with Christmas greens and red poinsettias, giving it an inviting appearance. Lunch was served from a buffet table pretty with the yuletide colors.

There were over a hundred women present.

## Young People Called

A meeting of the young people is called for 8:00 o'clock next Sunday at Michelson Memorial church.

Signed: Goodfellow League.

## Taxes Are Due

I will be at my home every evening to collect taxes.

Clarence C. Small,

Beaver Creek Twp. Treas.

12-11-41

## Old Grayling Resident Passed Away

Fred Hansen, former estimable resident of Grayling for close to 35 years, passed away at the home of his daughter Mrs. Willard Campbell in Mt. Pleasant, Friday morning at 4:00 o'clock, following an illness of several years' duration.

The remains were brought to Grayling and funeral services held Sunday afternoon at the Sorenson Funeral Home. Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiated and pallbearers were old friends of the family. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Hansen was born in Denmark, and on May 15, 1888 was married to Anne Marie Peterson. In 1895 with his wife and two children, Carl and Agnes, they came to Grayling. Two children born to them here died in infancy, and after residing here six years their son Carl died which was a sad blow to them. The following week, however, after the passing of the son, Mrs. Hansen's sister Mrs. Wilhelm Nielsen died, leaving an infant son four months old. This is Otto Nielsen, who is married and has two sons and has lived in Grayling since his birth. Mrs. Hansen mothered him until he was seven years old or until an aunt came to care for the Nielsen household.

Mr. Hansen was employed in the Salling-Hanson company mills from the time he came to Grayling until they ceased operations. He was a devoted member of the Danish Lutheran church during his residence here and enjoyed a large circle of friends. Twelve years ago Mr. and Mrs. Hansen went to Mt. Pleasant to live with their daughter Agnes and Mrs. Hansen passed away there on February 20, 1935.

Besides members of the family, Supt. and Mrs. White of Shepherd and Einer Rasmussen of Marlette came to be in attendance at the funeral. The daughter who survives and is well known in Grayling, is principal of the schools at Shepherd, where she teaches music and biology. Many old friends extend sympathy to her in her bereavement.

## Hunter's Dairy Inaugurates "No Sunday Delivery" System

This coming Sunday, Dec. 14, Hunter's AuSable Dairy are asking the co-operation of all their customers in inaugurating a "no Sunday delivery" system. Drivers will ask that their customers please leave their Sunday order on Saturday and feel sure that they will receive one hundred percent co-operation. For this they wish to thank their customers in advance.

This plan is in co-operation with the Michigan Milk Distributors' League, of which Mr. Hunter is a member. The league headquarters are at Saginaw, Michigan. All the members of this league have been asked to start this plan on Dec. 14 as a defense saving plan. It also enables the drivers to spend Sunday with their families and friends and to spend the day in worship and in leisure as is the custom upon that day.

## Will Stage Annual Cantata

Under direction of Mrs. G. G. Clippert, musical talent of Grayling has been banded together, and are practicing on the annual Cantata that will be given at Michelson Memorial church next Wednesday evening, December 17th, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. Besides members of the church choir, there will be some of the teachers and members of the High School Glee club, making some 30 voices in all.

It takes a lot of time and work to put on a program of this kind, and the public in general should show their assurance of appreciation by attending.

More than ever this year with our country at war, we need this sort of inspiration, to help us catch the true Christmas spirit of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

The public is cordially invited.

## \$800 Added To Red Cross Quota

The roll call drive is still going on that the \$750, our quota, may be raised and reports sent in to headquarters. Help the committee by sending in for your memberships.

## New Call Comes For \$800

The following wire was received here Tuesday:

St. Louis, Mo. Dec. 8, 1941

Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Chairman Crawford County Chapter American Red Cross Again the American Red Cross is called upon to serve our nation in war. Both Nationally and locally we face vast and definite responsibilities for services to our armed forces and for relief to distressed civilians to provide essential funds Red Cross today is launching a campaign for war fund of minimum of fifty million dollars. The President will issue on Friday a proclamation supporting this appeal. Your Chapter quota is 800 dollars. Chapters may retain fifteen percent their collections for local war relief expenditures. Chapter should at once devote full efforts to raising their quotas in shortest possible time. Please report action taken. We must not and shall not fail in this crisis.

Norman H. Davis

It now becomes a privilege for every citizen in Crawford county to have a part in this great work ahead of us.

With reports of fatalities and injuries to Americans coming in from bombed cities, public sentiment has been aroused to a pitch that the raising of \$800 should be easy.

Send in voluntary subscriptions to Mrs. C. G. Clippert or "Spike" Harold MacNeven. A percentage of this money remains in the county.

The Red Cross rooms will be closed for two weeks, from Dec. 23 to January 6th.

## Womans Club

The Woman's club held their meeting Monday evening with Miss Margrethe Bauman, Mrs. A. J. Joseph acting as co-hostess.

A current event contest was given the ladies.

Mrs. Esbern Olson also gave a talk on the highlights of current events.

The club and guests will have dinner at the Conservation School December 18th.

## Honor Bride-Elect With Tea and Show

Miss Mary Gretchen Connor, bride-elect of this month, was complimented at a lovely tea and shower Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. J. Joseph, Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. O. P. Schumann acting as hostesses.

White mums surrounded by white tapers centered the table. A cloth covered tea table. Mrs. C. R. Keyport and Mrs. G. Clippert presided at the services, while Mrs. Esbern Hansen and Mrs. Oscar Hanson assisted as floaters.

Later in the afternoon Connie found a beautiful array of packages under a brightly lighted Christmas tree. She was assisted in opening them by Miss Gail Welsh and Mrs. E. P. Hill.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Marion Burch, Travlers City; Miss Blanch Norconk, Port Huron; Mrs. M. Ocker, Mrs. J. Lambkin, Empire; Mrs. Frank Rockwell, Gaylord.

## Entertain At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Campbell were hosts to their bridge party at a Christmas dinner party Sunday evening.

High scores for bridge were followed the dinner were by Miss Margrethe Bauman, Harold MacNeven.

The fun was on when guests grabbed from a bag their Christmas gifts and exchanged for the thing really wished.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clippert guests of the club.



## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 12, 1918

Mr. W. G. Cosand received a telegram last Thursday announcing the death of his son, Nigel, in France, killed in action, Nov. 5th. This came as a great blow to the family for only last week they received a letter from him stating that he had gone through the fighting on the St. Mihiel front without a scratch.

New York—Detroit boys were among several hundred wounded American shock troops, veterans of the Allied counter-offensive at Chateau Thierry, who arrived at New York on the Hospital Ship Comfort. Many of the wounded were members of the Rainbow division. Two other transports arrived in the harbor with about 1,800 soldiers who were landed.

Charles Green and family have moved to Bay City where the former has been employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger C. Schmidt returned Monday from an enjoyable trip to Chicago.

Miss Vera Cameron is home from Roscommon, her school having closed on account of the illness of the children.

News has just reached here of the marriage of Miss Cornelia Melstrup and Mr. Glen Smith, that occurred recently in Detroit.

Miss Nellie Charlefour has been absent from the H. Peterson grocery the past week, and has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmusson celebrated their silver wedding anniversary yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Johnson and children returned Tuesday to their home in Bay City, after a

few days' visit at the Robert Reagan home.

Emanuel Rasmusson arrived yesterday morning from Detroit to spend a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rasmusson.

The marriage of Lillian Bates-Burnitt to Ernest Lorane Sparkes took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates, at eight o'clock Saturday evening. Rev. C. E. Doty of the Michelson Memorial church was the officiating clergyman.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Irving of Crosswell, mother of Mrs. Frank Jorgenson of Neillsville, Wis., and Mrs. Louis LaSprance of Crosswell. Both of the latter are well known in Grayling, having been teachers in our schools for many years, known at that time as Misses Amy and Alveretta Irving, respectively. Mrs. Irving was an invalid and death occurred on November 27th.

Wayne Thompson of Detroit is here visiting his father, James Thompson and brother Grant.

Mrs. Joseph Mayo and son Albert left Monday morning to visit relatives in Cooks, Mich., across the Straits.

Miss Cecil LaRue returned Saturday to her home in Bay City after an extended visit with her sister Mrs. Glen Owen.

A. L. Coutts, who has been confined to his home with influenza for the past few weeks, is able to be out and around again.

Axel Sorenson of Detroit arrived Tuesday for a few days'

visit with friends here. He is a guest at the Julius Nelson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson and son, Junior, are spending the week in Detroit.

Mrs. Perry Ostrander of Pere Cheney has been spending the past couple of weeks visiting her daughters, Mrs. Frank Whipple and Mrs. Charles Waldron here.

George Bissonette has been honorably discharged from service in the U. S. Army and has arrived home. On account of having been ill for so long with pneumonia he had been unable to perform any of a sailor's duties. However he is on the reserve list.

Axel E. Michelson was in the city last Sunday to attend the dedication of the Michelson Memorial church.

Mrs. A. J. Joseph is entertaining her sister Miss Ruth Ryan of Clare.

Mrs. Sidney A. Graham of Detroit has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hanson, for the past few days.

Allen B. Failing is the obliging new clerk at the Salling Hanson Co. store. Mr. Failing has been employed by the du Pont company in the wood department, and on account of the wood operations at which Mr. Failing worked ceasing, he has made this change. He commenced his duties this morning.

The High school girls are doing their best to keep up the reputation that the teams of the last two years have earned for their Alma Mater. They battled forty minutes with the All-City Girls to a 12 to 12 tie. The All-City girls are all former varsity stars and a little practice will put them in first class condition. The High school has the best team it has had in years and should make a good team for the Northern Michigan championship.

Under the coaching of Miss Macauley (U. of M., '18) the girls are working hard to make the team a winner, a spirit that has not characterized a girls team in several seasons. Manager McClain is trying his best to get some stiff games for them in

which they can show their metal. Smith at Center, McPhee at guard, and Bates at forward are all players of at least one year's experience, and they form the nucleus for the team. Here's to another championship team—The Girls.

Elmer Neal who gave up his life on the battlefields of France on the 20th day of October, was 28 years old and a brother of Sherman Neal of this city. Elmer Neal was drafted into the service and left Grayling on June 24th, 1918 for Camp Custer, where he was made a member of the 340th Inf., going overseas with the 85th division. Before entering the service Mr. Neal was employed in Grayling making his home with his brother and had resided here about five years.

Mrs. P. P. Mahoney one of Crawford County's Home Defense nurses, returned last night from Sandusky, Mich., where she had had charge of an emergency hospital for influenza, having answered an urgent call from that city.

Miss June Bridges is a new member of the 4th grade class at school.

**SNOWBOUND CHRISTMAS**

BY CLYDE WILSON

BILL YARDLEY poked a tentative eye outside his blanket. It was daylight, at last. Across the tiny cabin Jim was snoozing quietly, his measured breath almost drowned by the roaring wind outside.

Bill's eyes surveyed the cabin with its old stove and rickety furniture. Cozy enough, perhaps, but this was no way to spend an entire winter, even for the sake of geographical accuracy. Several hundred miles to the south, in Winnipeg, the government office was waiting for early spring when Bill and Jim could finish the surveying assignment and be



The pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle.

Ahead, meanwhile, were two months of this maddening snowbound silence.

Bill's glance drifted to the calendar. Suddenly he caught his breath. "Jim!" he shrieked. "Wake up! Wake up! Do you know what day this is?"

Jim groaned, stirred a bit, and answered sleepily.

"Tuesday, ain't it? And so what?" "Jim! It's Christmas Eve!"

A few minutes later they found themselves staring blankly out the window, almost wishing they'd never discovered it was Christmas.

It was kind of childish to let on that you cared, Bill thought. So he put on his parka and headed for the door.

"Let's forget it, Jim," he advised. "I'm going to look for my traps and get some fresh air. Be back soon!"

It was no picnic, trudging through knee-deep drifts for two hours. To make it worse, the traps were all empty. Even the animals were staying inside in this weather.

"Wonder if they'll miss Christmas, too?" he mused as he neared the cabin.

Suddenly he heard a faint hum in the sky. It grew nearer. Unmistakably a motor—an airplane!

Bill raced for the cabin door. "A plane, Jim!" he cried. "Get some black smoke going up the chimney!" Then he raced out to the clearing.

The pilot saw him gesticulating wildly, or else he saw the fresh black smoke over the cabin. The big ship circled, flew off to the north, turned and came back, flying low.

Over the clearing it almost stalled as the pilot dumped overboard a huge bundle that plummeted into the snow almost at Bill's feet. Then he waved and sped away.

They got it inside, somehow, though they wanted to open the bundle right where it landed. Once the rope was torn loose an oilskin pouch flew out. A note was inside. From the boss:

"In case you boys have forgotten," it read, "tomorrow's Christmas. Horawith the makings, including some presents your families asked us to send along."

Bill and Jim looked at each other, then they cheered.

"Merry Christmas!" asked Bill. "Why, it's the best ever! Wait'll you taste this turkey!"

**SANTA**  
Claus Is Here



Santa Claus often steps out of his reindeer sleigh these days to make faster time, or to go where the sleigh cannot go. Here he is in the person of Capt. William Wilcox, veteran New England pilot, ready to take off from the K. Boston airport with a load of Christmas gifts for the boys.



This is how Santa Claus comes to Gray Valley—on skis. Here is the gay St. Nick sliding down the snowy slopes into the town.



Grafted Animal Pupil

Surgeons grafted pupils from the eye of an animal to the optic nerve of a boy who was born without pupils 25 years ago. The boy, Frank Bentz, since has been graduated from the University of Wisconsin law school.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

(Anna Bennett Estate)

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the city of Grayling in said county, on the 8th day of December A. D. 1941.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Anna Bennett, deceased.

Ronow Hanson, administrator of said estate having filed in said court his petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, That the 16th day of February, 1942, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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Taxes are due and payable beginning December 10th. They be at my office in Grayling, Mich. Hall, December 10th and 11th, every Saturday thereafter until January 10th for the purpose of collecting taxes.

Clare Madsen, Treasurer, Grayling, Mich. 11-27-41

Emotional Traits Like Man  
Rats show emotional traits much like man, says a University of California psychologist.

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford,

In Chancery.

James W. Hartwick, Mary L. Mickelson, Oscar W. Hanson and Esbern Hanson, Plaintiffs.

John F. Tolbert, James Tolbert, James W. Tolbert, Horace Wright Cook, et al., Defendants.

At a session of said court held at the courthouse in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, on the 21st day of October, 1941.

Present: Hon. John C. Shaffer, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the bill of complaint in said cause, and the affidavit of Charles E. Moore attached thereto, from which it satisfactorily appears to the court that the defendants above named, or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, are proper and necessary parties defendant in said cause, and it further appearing that after diligent search and inquiry it cannot be ascertained and is not known whether said defendants are living or dead, or where any of them may reside if living, and if dead, whether they have representatives or heirs living, or where they or any of them may reside, and further that the present whereabouts of said defendants are unknown and that the names of the persons included therein under the title of unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, cannot be ascertained and is unknown.

On motion of Charles E. Moore, attorney for plaintiffs, it is ordered that said defendants and their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns cause their appearance to be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this order, and in default thereof, that said bill of complaint be taken as confessed by said defendants, their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns.

John C. Shaffer, Circuit Judge.

Take Notice, That this suit, in which the foregoing and inventory and is brought to quiet title to the following described parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, Crawford county, Michigan, to-wit:

Northwest quarter of South east quarter of Sec. 8, T. 34 N. R. 1 W.

Charles E. Moore, Attorney for Plaintiffs, Grayling, Mich.

Countersigned: Bessie Peterson, Clerk of the Court. 11-6-41

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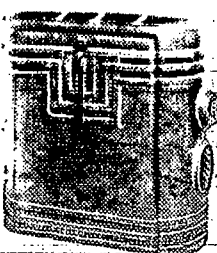
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### Mistletoe Has Known Long, Eventful History

Of all the Christmas greens, the best-loved, probably, is the mistletoe, which likewise has experienced the most eventful history of all plants.

In the days of pagan worship in England the mistletoe was chosen for great honors, being cut from its host, the oak tree, with golden axes. It was gathered for the people and a bit given to each person to ward off illness.

But the plant paid dear for these honors for when the Christian church was established it was not allowed in any church because of its pagan association, and it is told that preachers even would stop in their sermons if a tiny bit were spotted and the service waited until the offending bit of green was removed.

In later centuries it became again the symbol of peace and friendship and has since been tucked on the doorway as a token of friendly greeting.

### Ferries to Continue In Ferries

Recognition of the increased travel between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas, and the growth of population above the Straits, was made Saturday by the State Highway Department.

During the Christmas holidays and until January 7th, at least, the 11:00 p. m. ferry from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace, and the 12:30 a. m. ferry from St. Ignace to Mackinaw City will continue in service, the announcement said. This is the first time late ferries have operated across the Straits during the winter months.

Military needs, increased civilian and anticipated winter sports travel to Upper Michigan brought the decision to continue late ferry operation, it was said.

As a result of the announcement Greyhound Lines will continue to operate three buses a day each way between Detroit and Sault Ste. Marie, with connections being made twice daily at St. Ignace for the Copper Country and Western Michigan.

### Frederic News

Fred Virgil of Detroit is here to spend the winter with his brother Frank Virgil.

Ben Allen Sr. is confined to his room and at present is much improved.

Max Tobin was operated on Sunday night for appendicitis. We are glad he is much improved. He is in Mercy Hospital, at Grayling.

Clarence Gabriels and family have moved to their new home in the north end of town.

Jack Downer is home from a visit in Bay City.

Rev. C. I. Opitz and wife have moved into the Mrs. Alberta Burke residence temporarily while Mrs. Burke is visiting in Detroit.

Chester Burke left Thursday for Midland to look for employment.

Mrs. George Skinner is home from Mercy Hospital, Grayling, much improved in health.

Fred Leng of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is visiting his brothers, Ace D., and Wm. Leng and families.

Mrs. Laura Wallace was a Gaylord visitor one day last week, she being affiliated with the N.Y.A. and W.P.A. school-noon-day luncheon work here.

Amos Hoesli of Grayling was a Frederic caller one day last week.

Miss Helen Charron is home visiting with her father, Oscar Charron.

Leo Post has just returned to North Carolina after a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Post.

The George Hortons had as their guests the last Sunday of hunting season Jim Horton and wife, and Dick Willis of Auburn Heights; Wm. Fight and wife of Romeo; Harry Martin, Ivan Skinner and Albert Stewart, of Flint.

More Born Than Die  
A baby is born every 14 seconds in the United States, according to the census. The undertaker is called every 23 seconds.

# CHEVROLET TRUCKS



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### Church News

#### MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

##### Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Bible School.

11:00 A. M.—Public worship.

Public is invited.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

#### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

##### Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Preaching.

7:00 P. M.—Y. P. M. S.

7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

Come and we will do you good.

O. H. Lee, Pastor.

#### CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16

The Blood Heb. 9:22

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

New Location—Grange Hall

Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

##### Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

6:45 P. M.—Young people.

7:30 P. M.—Preaching.

#### THURSDAY

7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every-body's Bible Class.

You are welcome.

#### FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

Services at Frederic.

10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

#### Church Services

12:00 o'clock at Lovells school house.

Rev. Chas. Opitz, Pastor.

#### DEFENSE BOND Quiz

Q. What are payroll allotments for the purchase of Defense Savings Bonds?

A. They are portions of employee earnings set aside each pay day voluntarily by individual workers for buying Defense Savings Bonds, or Stamps to be exchanged eventually for Bonds, which become the personal property of the employee. Hundreds of companies have set up such arrangements to help their personnel save continuously and regularly.

Q. How can I give a Defense Savings Bond as a gift?

A. Buy a Series E Bond at your post office or bank, and have it issued in the name of the intended recipient.

NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association, or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps now are on sale at retail stores.

### Bids Wanted

#### Notice To Bidders on Equipment

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk by the Crawford County Road Commission Grayling, Michigan, until 10:00 a. m. Monday, December 29, 1941 for the following:

Three (3) One and One-half (1½) ton Dump Trucks complete with Dump Bodies and Hoists.

One (1) Reconditioned Tractor and Hydraulic Bulldozer (Caterpillar Thirty "30" or its equivalent in size). Bulldozer having down pressure on blade preferred.

Said Commission is offering the following equipment in exchange:

Two 1938 1½ ton Chevrolet Dump Trucks complete with Bodies and Hoists.

One 1935 Dodge Truck Chassis with School Bus Body.

One Thirty (30) Caterpillar Tractor.

Specifications may be obtained at the Road Commission offices.

#### Notice To Bidders on Material

Approximately 106,000 gallons of Number Two (2) and Three (3) (A.I. Spec.) Asphaltic Road Oil.

Said oil to be bid F.O.B. Roscommon, Grayling and Frederic. Also bid for oil distribution. (Distribution bid to be separate from Oil bid.)

Certified analysis of materials to be furnished will be attached to all proposals. Successful bidder shall submit with each shipment a certified analysis of the material in that shipment.

A certified check in the sum of 5% of the total of each bid must accompany each proposal.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

Crawford County Road Commissioners.  
Elmer Head, Chairman.  
Carl Sorenson, Chairman.  
Pro-Tem.  
Arthur Feldhauser, Member.

#### NOTICE OF LOST INSURANCE POLICIES

Notice is hereby given that the following numbered blank policies of The American Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey furnished Palmer Fire Insurance Agency agent, Grayling, Michigan, have been lost, misplaced, destroyed or stolen, and are hereby declared null and void and of no effect, and should not be accepted in executed form by any person:

Automobile, AB9216 to 9225 inc.

Any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of these policies in either blank or executed form, please communicate at once with Fred H. Pierson, State Agent, 123 So. Grand Ave., Lansing, Mich. 12-11-3

Gold Producing Area.

Largest gold-producing area in the United States is the Black Hills country of South Dakota.

### NAVY COURTMEN PRACTICE BASKETBALL ON SHIPBOARD



Perfect physical fitness is required of sailors in the U. S. Navy and Naval Reserve. Excellent athletic facilities are provided both afloat and ashore.

Pictured above are bluejackets on the aircraft tender U.S.S. Wright holding basketball practice on shipboard. Almost every ship in the U. S. Navy has its own basketball team. Rivalry among

the crews of the various craft runs high. In addition to basketball—football, baseball, boxing, wrestling and tennis—rank high as sports with Uncle Sam's sailors. Organized intraservice competitions are held for most sports. Trophies and individual awards usually are presented to the championship winning teams and players.

### WANTED: 5000 Muskrats

#### Highest Prices Paid For Furs

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Coon

Skunk

Fox

Weasel

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Grayling Auto Parts



They sometimes grow restless on long motor trips and their endless energy and curiosity... double checking to insure that every safety precaution is being taken by the parents. With the entire rear compartment of the family Chevrolet as his personal playground, this youngster assumes a favorite perch that ordinarily would be dangerous. However, a simple adjustment, easily made by Chevrolet mechanics, converted the rear door handle to a safety-action handle, which "free wheels" and does not open the door. After the lock is adjusted to safety position, as indicated in the inset, the lock button is depressed and the inside handle then will not open the door, rendering it "child-proof." Release of the lock button enables the driver to open the door as usual.



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of the United States of America  
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with liberty and justice for all."

THURSDAY, DEC. 11, 1941

AMERICA IS AT WAR!

AMERICA does not quail—the  
courage of America does not  
falter, and the capacity of Amer-  
ica is equal to the task which  
confronts her.

FROM this time on, God help the  
individual or the group that seeks  
for selfish purposes to interfere  
with the nation's preparedness.

THERE is but one decision, re-  
gardless of everything else, that  
is to win this war as speedily as  
possible, as efficiently as possible,  
with the minimum loss of life or  
injury to Americans, both of the  
armed forces and civilians.

### The Weather

After the uncertain weather of  
last week, Friday night it began  
to snow and it has been snowing  
pretty steadily since and it looks  
as though we will really have a white  
Christmas. Wednesday morning  
the temperature was 12 above,  
which has been the coldest of  
the week. Today a bright sun is  
shining and the temperature this  
morning was 18 above.

## List Suggests Gift Variety For Christmas

Christmas-giving becomes more  
fun and less of a chore each new  
Yuletide season. Time was when  
"what to give a woman" came un-  
der what man termed "a nerve-  
wracking" problem! That's all  
changed now.

To prove it, here's a list of Christ-  
mas gift suggestions for the fairer  
sex, compiled especially for hus-  
bands, brothers, fathers, sons,  
sweethearts.

If the lady-to-be-gifted is socially  
minded, she undoubtedly will ap-  
preciate a gift that will enhance her  
party clothes—an evening bag per-  
haps... a sparkling piece of cos-  
tume jewelry... a pair of gloves  
... sheer hose, or perfume.

But perhaps she is a homemaker,  
busy from morn till night with the  
problems of a house and family. A  
stunning quilted robe for her few  
hours of relaxation... a pair of  
house slippers that are casual and  
comfortable... a crystal salad set for  
luncheon entertaining... all these  
will be appreciated.

For the high school or college  
miss... a sweater in one of the  
new youthful pastel colors...  
a pair of mittens... a peasant ker-  
chief to wear for sport or dress...  
a tiny compact for important dates...  
or one of the latest indoor  
games to bring her friends around.

For the invalid whose daily life is  
centered about her bed... a gay  
bed jacket... or a new china  
breakfast set with a tray, which,  
after meals, can serve as a comfort-  
able prop for books and writing  
paper.

For the career lady in your fam-  
ily, you might buy hose that can't  
run... a pair of slippers for sports  
... a rhinestone star to wear in  
her hair... a manicure kit...  
or a pair of frilly slippers.

For the gray-haired lady in your  
house, a smart envelope handbag  
would "hit the spot."

### Eavesdropper

An eavesdropper is one who lis-  
tens secretly to a private conver-  
sation. The ground on which the  
water drips from the roof or eaves  
of a house is called the eavesdrop,  
hence a snooper is one that stands  
in that space and hears, through  
the window or door, conversation  
that is not meant for him.

Read your home paper  
Subscribe for the Avalanche

## Kiwanis Club Notes

Last week the losing group  
banqueted the winners with a  
venison feed at Pine Ridge  
Lodge, 10 miles east of Grayling.  
President Keyport assisted Chief  
Archie Kennedy in preparing the  
dinner and everyone there never  
ate more delicious venison. The  
dinner was definitely enjoyed by  
everyone. The losing committee  
and the serving, and later were  
waited upon by the first-tablers.  
There were several guests pres-  
ent. Among them were Claude  
Yawkey, district highway com-  
missioner of Alpena.

The matter of killing female  
deer for camp use was discussed  
and the following resolution was  
offered by Kiwanian T. P. Peter-  
son and unanimously passed:

**Resolution**  
Whereas, we are of the opin-  
ion, after observation of the op-  
eration of the present law rela-  
tive to the killing of female deer  
for camp purposes, and the in-  
discriminate killing of female  
deer in the past season, that the  
same is impractical, has been  
greatly abused and has greatly  
increased the problem of illegal  
killing of deer, and

Whereas, we are of the further  
opinion that said law, if allowed  
to remain in effect, will deplete  
our deer herds to a point danger-  
ously near extinction,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved  
by the Kiwanis Club of Grayling,  
Michigan, that we strongly op-  
pose the continued operation of  
said law and urge that the same  
be repealed or suspended, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a  
copy of this Resolution be for-  
warded to the Conservation De-  
partment of the State of Mich-  
igan.

Kiwanis Club of Grayling,  
Michigan.

Two car loads attended the  
district meeting at Traverse City  
Tuesday night, and all report an  
interesting and educational time.

This week's meeting was given  
at Michelson Memorial church  
when the club was host to Gray-  
ling High School football team,  
district Class C champions. Pres-  
ident C. R. Keyport introduced T.  
P. Peterson, president of the  
school board, who was the toast-  
master. The latter contributed  
a valuable suggestion when he  
told the squad that they natu-  
rally were outstanding pupils, be-  
cause of the fact of their physical  
fitness and that they were able to  
pass the class tests. In view of  
that fact, he asked that each and  
everyone deem himself an ex-  
ample for others of the school.  
Public and class courtesy should  
be definitely emphasized in their  
school lives.

Coach Willard Cornell intro-  
duced the members of the foot-  
ball squad and announced the  
class standing of each. Four of  
the class squad finish school this  
year. Fourteen have earned their  
letters.

Supt. Frank Bond made the  
formal presentation of the trophy  
awarded Grayling team for win-  
ning the class C conference  
championship.

Gordon McDonald, athletic  
coach of Alma College, was the  
guest speaker. Having formerly  
resided in Grayling, he renewed  
fond memories of those days,  
especially his trials as a pitcher  
for Grayling's baseball teams.

His address to the Grayling  
squad and the guests bristled  
with stories of his experiences in  
athletics, and exemplified the  
need for clean sportsmanship,  
and the will to give the school  
everything one had.

The banquet was served by the  
ladies of Michelson Memorial  
church, and the turkey and fix-  
ins were excellent as usual.

## News Briefs

Pennies spent on Christmas  
seals in Michigan save thousands  
of lives from tuberculosis each  
year. Use Christmas seals!

The Sunday School Christmas  
program will be held at Michelson  
Memorial church at 7 o'clock  
on Tuesday evening, December  
23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLeod of  
Ferndale were here over the  
week end visiting Mr. and Mrs.  
Joseph McLeod. Mrs. McLeod  
remained for a few days visit.

Mrs. Willard Cornell and little  
daughter left Monday for Gage-  
town. She was called there by  
the serious illness of her father  
who was recently in an auto ac-  
cident.

Willard Garred from the Grand  
View College, Theological Sem-  
inary in Des Moines, Iowa, will be  
here to hold services Sunday,  
December 21st, at 11 o'clock. He  
will be here until after New  
Years to serve the Lutheran  
church.

Mrs. DeAlton Griffith and  
three children returned to Sag-  
inaw Sunday after spending the  
past three weeks with her par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cor-  
win. She returned with her  
brother Everett Corwin, who  
spent Sunday with his family.

There will be a box social  
given by the AuSable River Sun-  
day school at the Grange Hall  
Friday night. The public is in-  
vited. Ladies are requested to  
bring a box lunch with lunch for  
two, and a man's handkerchief.  
Boxes will be sold for 50c each.  
Hot drinks will be served.

Verner Rasmussen who is sta-  
tioned at Chanute Field, Rantoul,  
Ill., has been home on a furlough  
visiting his parents. He will  
leave Sunday for Illinois and  
meet his troop and from there  
leave for Victoria, Texas where  
he will be stationed. He has  
graduated from the Air Mechanic  
course at Chanute Field, and is  
getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Forshee are  
new Grayling residents, coming  
here from Fairgrove, Tuscola  
county—the middle of November.  
They have purchased property  
situated between the highway  
and Winter Sports park road, and  
have begun the erection of over-  
night cabins. The Forshees have  
three children, one daughter who  
will be in high school here next  
fall.

### Paper Cutting

If your youngsters do much paper  
cutting and pasting, keep a large-  
sized sheet of unbleached muslin  
cloth on hand for covering the floor  
or rug. This makes cleaning up  
easy.

## Decorate Yule Tree To Fit Your Taste

Before trimming your Christmas  
tree this December, study the fol-  
lowing ideas and decide which yours  
will be. The six Christmas trees  
described below, are trimmed in  
amazingly new and different ways.

The "Coronado" is typically  
southwestern. A tree trimmed in  
cowboys and cactus... Indian re-  
lics and dazzling yellow lights.

"Colonial" is early American in  
every detail, trimmed with minia-  
ture wooden churns, log cabins, can-  
dle sticks, Indians, turkeys and  
colonial dolls. Green colored lights  
and silver tinsel complete the color  
interest.

The "Student" does everything  
but say "Rah, rah." Various col-  
ored lights shine on gaudy trim-  
mings and erasures, crayons, pen-  
cils and slates for classroom touch.  
The "Maritime" is nautically  
trimmed with clipper ships, anchors,  
sloops and buoys. Blue lights gleam  
through clouds of angel hair.

"Victorian" is brilliant with white  
lights and tinsel branches and is  
decorated all over with unique or-  
naments of every shape, size and  
color.

The "Canine" is an amusing idea  
to please the canine member of the  
family. Decorated with bones, dog  
toys, fire plugs, dog biscuits, and  
vari-colored lights... a real "fun"  
tree.

**BRINGING HONOR**  
and respect to our  
profession is our  
great aim. We shall  
strictly adhere to  
the doctrine of  
consistency and  
thoughtfulness.

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## Christmas Gifts for Men

### HOW TO MAKE A MAN BELIEVE IN S. Jans.

**DELTA SET STYLED BY HICKOK**

Hickok's famous Live Leather belt that S-T-R-E-T-C-H-E-S for comfort... and Hickok buckle with his 3 initials. Packaged in royal elegant humidor for home or office.

**\$1.00 to \$2.50**

### 2 GIFTS IN 1

**LiveGLAS' BELT by HICKOK**

Here's a gift he'll long re-member. HICKOK LiveGLAS ("Vinylite") belt—stretch-able, transparent—and new Strato-line initialled buckle, packaged in attractive cigarette humidor. "U.S.A.C.C."

**\$1.00 to \$2.50**

**Suspenders to Match \$1.00 and \$1.50**

### STRATO-LINE JEWELRY

**HICKOK**

Strato-line initials on Hickox tie chain. \$1.50; key chain. \$2.50; packaged with matching Alligator Grip collar bar by Hickox.

**Tie Chains 50c to \$1.50**

**Collar Bars 50c**

**Key Chains \$1.00 to \$2.00**

**Koin-Knives \$2.50**

**McGregor Jackets and Sweaters for Men \$3.50 to \$13.50**

**Interwoven Socks for Men 39c to \$1.00**

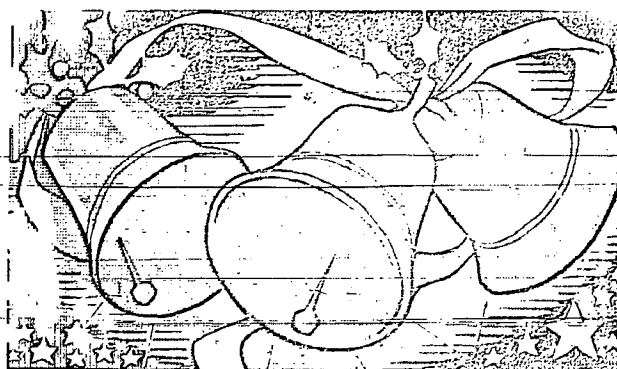
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**See the new handbags, hosiery and house slippers for women**

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## Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

—H. W. Longfellow

## Thrifty Tips for the Homemaker

HAVE you been envying the  
dainty befringed dressing tables  
that decorate the luxury boudoirs  
in the movies? They can be  
achieved easily and thriftily at  
home if you make sewing a  
hobby. Two old packing cases  
and a board are all you need for  
a foundation. Cover the top with fab-  
ric or enamel paint. Then with about  
three yards of candy-striped cotton,  
printed voile or organdy, you can  
attach up a glamorous dressing  
table skirt for as little as a dollar.

A vigorous daily brushing is an  
ideal beauty treatment for your  
hair; but you can't expect this  
ritual to achieve glossy locks un-  
less you use a clean brush. Your  
hair brush will thrive on the  
weekly shampoo that hygiene de-  
mands. If you use mild Swan soap  
to make rich, creamy suds. Always  
rinse your hair brush sev-  
eral times in cold water.  
Wipe off water off the  
handle and back; place on  
a bath towel with bristles  
up to dry in the sun.

Is heavy furniture mak-  
ing deep indentations in  
your carpet? First aid

treatment for bringing the pile  
back to normal is to apply a hot  
iron on a damp cloth to the spots;  
then brush the pile to its normal  
position. The same treatment may  
be used on both the face and back  
of the carpeting to prevent curl-  
ing at the corners.

When you're washing hooties,  
jackets and caps for Baby, it's  
a smart economy  
to stretch them gently as the  
chubby youngster grows bigger.  
Swan soap is grand for Baby's  
laundry. This new white floating  
soap is as mild and pure as the  
finest imported castile and so in-  
expensive you can afford to use it  
for general household duty as well  
as Baby's special needs, and your  
own beauty treatments. Always  
rinse button garments in tepid  
water. Squeeze the water out  
gently and pat out the garment to  
the slightly larger measurements.  
You desire. Dry on a bath  
towel.

Breakfast perfection will  
never be marred by waste-  
ful cracks in the soft boil-  
ers. If cracks appear, add a  
pinch of salt to the boiling  
water before you pop in  
the eggs.

## Grocery Fast



Unusual view of the bow of the  
battleship Indiana, which is rap-  
idly taking shape at Newport News,  
Va. Construction work on the deck  
of this 25,000-ton ocean giant is well  
forward.

## Defense Meeting Tonight at Legion Hall

Attention members of the  
American Legion, Legion Auxil-  
iary, and civic organizations. A  
defense meeting will be held to-  
night (Dec. 11th) at the Legion  
hall at 8:00 o'clock.  
Please make special effort to  
attend. This is for anyone inter-  
ested, and that should be every-  
one.

## Bowling News

The standings are being revised  
so that the handicap will be used  
in figuring the point for total  
pins. Thus a team whose aver-  
age is only, say around 650 or 700  
will have a chance to take four  
points from a much stronger  
team whose average may be 750  
or more. As it is now, the weak-  
er team is virtually given per-  
haps 50 or 150 pins a game to  
the stronger team and practical-  
ly conceding the point for total  
pins. It is not likely, however,  
that the present standings will  
change much.

Sunday is the last day of the  
third Brunswick bowling car-  
nival, which is on now. Bill La-  
Chappelle of Grayling was a  
recent winner in the bowling  
competition when he received a  
bowling bag and a book of  
bowling tickets.

Next week finishes the first  
round of the City League sched-  
ule. The next two weeks, dur-  
ing the holidays, will be open,  
and league bowling will be  
resumed on January 5.

**Prolonging Life of Cottons**  
Sheets, tablecloths, napkins and  
similar household cottons which go  
into the electric washing machine  
and are ironed regularly each week  
can be given longer life if they are  
folded and pressed differently from  
time to time. Fabrics tend to wear  
thin if they are always folded in the  
same way.

## Wanted Ads

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apart-  
ment. Hot water and shower.  
Call Mrs. Daisy Barnett, dial 3816

**LOST, STRAYED or STOLEN**—  
One red and white female  
hound, answers to name of  
Queen. Reward offered. Arthur  
Feldhauser, Lovells, Mich. 11-27-41

**GOATS FOR SALE**—One giving  
milk; One 6 months old; or  
would trade. Price very reason-  
able. John Schofield, Madsen  
street, South Side, Grayling. 11-27-41

**FURNISHED APARTMENT** for  
rent. Front entrance and private  
bath. Mrs. George Sorenson.  
Phone 4771. 11-27

**CULL POTATOES FOR LIVE-  
STOCK FEEDING**—25c per  
hundred weight. Write or phone

Otsego County Cooperative As-  
sociation, Gaylord, Mich. 11-27-41

**WANTED**—Wholesale Christmas  
trees and wreaths. E. Lading  
13331 14th Street, Detroit. 11-27-41

**LOST**—Spare wheel and tire for  
1936 Ford V-8, size 6.00 x 15.  
U.S. Royal cord, between Or-  
bow club and Wm. Fowler farm.  
Reward to finder. Bernard J.  
Fowler, Roscommon, R. I. 11-27-41

**FOR SALE**—About 60 gallon oil  
or gasoline tank. Complete  
with lockable faucet. In excel-  
lent condition. \$3.00 cash. Av-  
alanche Office, Phone 3111.

**CABINET WORK**—Cupboards,  
cabinets, bookcases, doors,  
specialties of all kinds. Made to  
your order. Niels-Nielsen, 600  
Park street. 11-18-41

**FOR RENT**—Furnished 3-room  
apartment, modern. Phone  
8931. Sam Rasmussen. 11-8-41



Five snowshoe hares still make a day's limit, like the bag shown here,  
though no more than three cottontails may now be taken in one day.  
With the seasons closed on most small game and deer, rabbit hunters  
and their dogs have the hunt to themselves for many weeks to come.  
Hunting of snowshoe hares and cottontails continues until December 31  
in southern Michigan, January 31 in northern lower Michigan, and March  
1 in the upper peninsula.

## LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 11, 1941

Do your Christmas shopping early.

Rubber military boots for men and children. Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Raymond of Mt. Pleasant spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sales.

Mrs. George Wiggins of Saginaw is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knibbs.

The Red Cross campaign for memberships will continue to January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston are leaving today (Thursday) to spend a few days in Saginaw on business.

If you are interested in the new, drop in at the Avalanche office and get a copy of "Life in the Navy," giving you all the information you wish to know.

Mrs. Albert Knibbs and Miss Virginia Feldhauser entertained the Feldhauser families with a turkey dinner. Thirty members of the families were present. It was Virginia's and Mrs. Knibbs' birthday.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Marguerite Bauman entertained her contract club at luncheon. The ladies found their places at a long table centered by a center-piece of cedar branches and yellow tapers. Score awards were given to Mrs. George Olson and Mrs. Roy Milnes. Mrs. Frank Bond and Mrs. Harold Cliff were guests of the club.

Joseph Bielski, who is employed at Hunter's AuSable Dairy, received a severe laceration on the middle finger of his right hand Tuesday, Dec. 9, when a bottle that he was washing burst in his hand. He was taken to Mercy Hospital immediately where Dr. Clippert took four stitches to close the huge gash that exposed the bone. Luckily no cords were severed.

The December 6th issue of the "Boxoffice," a movie film magazine spread itself to the utmost with a two-page story and description of "The Pines" theatre at Houghton Lake. The story was nicely illustrated with pictures of both interior and outside, including the grounds. This theatre as you know is owned by George and James Olson and truly is a beautiful structure.

Give HIM the finest winter sportswear from Olson's.

Protect your home from tuberculosis. Buy Christmas seals!

Mrs. Lorne Douglas, Mrs. Nels Olson and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson spent Tuesday in Bay City.

The ladies of St. Mary's church will have a bake sale and apron sale on Saturday, December 20th.

Mrs. R. VanVleck and Mrs. F. J. McClain are going to Bay City today (Thursday) to meet Dr. VanVleck.

Reserve Wednesday evening, December 17 to hear the Christmas Cantata at Michelson Memorial church.

Last Thursday Mrs. F. J. McClain and Mrs. Fred Bishaw went to Rogers City to meet the boats on which Mrs. McClain's son Jack and Mrs. Bishaw's husband are working.

There is still time to get exclusive Christmas greeting cards at the Avalanche office. And we carry in stock a nice line of cards with winter scenes. These latter are \$1.00 a box with names printed.

I will be in Gaylord all day Friday, and Friday evening, December 19th, at Dr. R. C. Peckham's office. Eyes examined and glasses prescribed. Dr. Kenneth W. Tinker, Optometrist, Traverse City, Mich. 12-4-3

Investigation by Sheriff Papendick of a rumor that G-Men had arrested and taken into custody 12 men near Grayling, charging them with being enemy spies, proved the report to be false. People should be extremely careful about starting or even hinting statements that might embarrass decent, law-abiding citizens. This is no time for spies and prejudices.

Mrs. William Hill, well known in Grayling and vicinity, left Wednesday for Saginaw and tomorrow she will proceed to Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. She will remain in Battle Creek indefinitely until she hears from one of her family. Her husband and two sons, Robert and John, are all in Hawaii. While it is impossible now for her to join them in Hawaii she is hoping by spring she will be able to get there. Since Japan bombed Pearl Harbor Sunday Mrs. Hill has received no news from her family, but no news is good news. Mrs. Hill says there is a possibility that she will return to Grayling next fall to take up her residence here, if she is unable to get to Hawaii, but it is doubtful as to her exact plans for the coming year.

MEN. You can see the new deluxe pull-on overshoe at Olson's. Priced at only \$3.50.

## Give Gifts That Will Make This A Merry Christmas

Useful, Practical Gifts For All Are Here



*This Christmas treat him like a MILLIONAIRE!*

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## Rialto Theatre

Grayling, Michigan

## PROGRAM

SATURDAY—(only) DECEMBER 13

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In

"LAST OF THE DUANES"

No. 2—TOMMY TRINDER and CHARLES HULBERT

In

"THREE COCK-EYED SAILORS"

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In

"THE PRISONER OF ZENDA"

Comedy World News

## Grayling Mercantile Company

The Quality Store

Phone 2251

A new supply of handbags has just arrived at Olson's. Priced at only \$1.39.

The Just Us club entertained their husbands and friends with a rabbit dinner served in the private dining room at Zavel's Monday evening. Christmas decorations made the place cheerful and pleasant.

Silk hose are THE gift this Christmas. Admiration hose at \$1.00 and \$1.19, at Olson's.

This is the time to order Christmas Greetings. As usual we have a very beautiful line. Avalanche office.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston had the letter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Mancelona as guests Sunday.

Donald Corwin spent the week end at his home. Don got his buck early the first morning of the season. Also, LaMott-Apers of Monroe and Julius Basco of Montrose were lucky hunters. They stayed at the Corwin farm.

Nine past matrons awaited Mrs. Nellie McNeven when she returned from a movie last Friday evening at her home in remembrance of her birthday. An enjoyable evening was spent visiting. A very nice lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cariveau of Detroit spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaMotte and Mr. and Mrs. John Charlefour.

Esmond L. Houghton has purchased the home of David LaMotte on Spruce street. Mr. LaMotte is making his home with his son Frank and family.



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## Beautify Home for Christmas

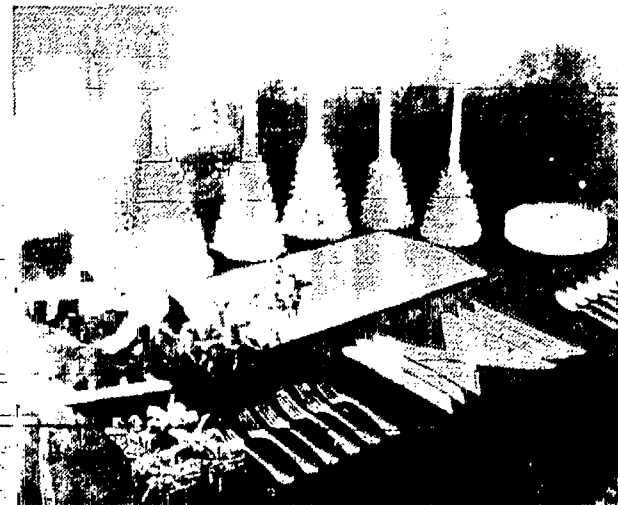
You will enjoy your Christmas a lot more this year if you will try to make your home as attractive as possible. Start on the but look each room in the house. What are all the things there.



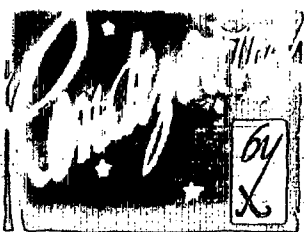
There are few houses as large as this one, but it shows what can be done with a home of any size to improve its appearance during the Christmas season. A string of Christmas tree lights around each window will make an unusually cheerful appearance at night. Impracticable or too costly, a similar effect can be achieved by placing a candle in each window.



Illuminating a room with candles will do much toward making it look more "homey." If you don't want to light a fire in your fireplace, its appearance will be enhanced by a light bulb covered with red paper and placed behind the logs. Don't be afraid to spread your Christmas presents in the floor under the tree. It's perfectly proper and far more formal than placing them in a basket.



Attractive table decorations will help make your Christmas dinner more enjoyable than ever. Putting a few pieces of candy wrapped like a Christmas present beside each place will add interest to the table. A tiny Santa Claus with his reindeer and sleigh makes an excellent centerpiece, and it can be purchased for very little. Even your candlesticks can be made to look different by fringing a long piece of paper and then winding it spirally around the base.



HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a



Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wrecked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo!

But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve, for it was then that they used to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve.

"Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?"

Peter tumbled with his greasestained cap.

"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, "almost in a trance, 'my little brother' and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later."

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

Peter was staring at her, fairly ready to shriek, for it was Linda! No doubt about it, now!

He recognized the tilt of her nose, unchanged by the years; the familiar ring of a voice that somehow had failed to grow old. But he held himself back, for Peter was ashamed of himself.

She didn't notice him shuffle off after awhile, for Linda was still watching the star.

In the freight yards he found an empty boxcar and bedded down under some straw in a corner. After a while he felt the cat move, and somehow he was glad.

"Yes, it was Linda," he sobbed to himself, "but I just couldn't tell her. Thank God she's alive and happy. And Thank God she remembers me on Christmas eve as I was, not as I am."

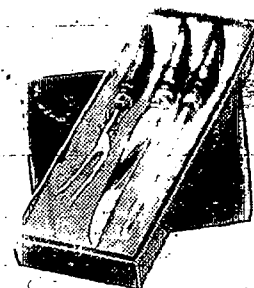
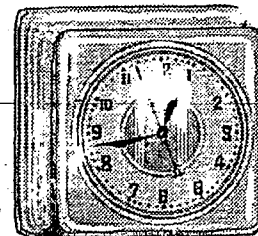
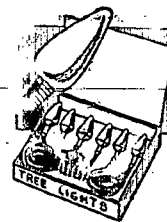
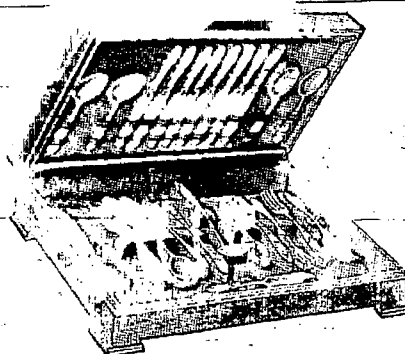
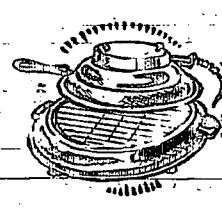
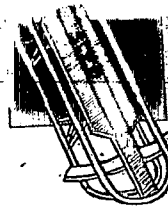
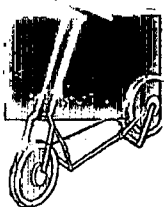
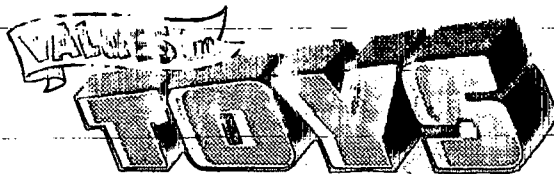
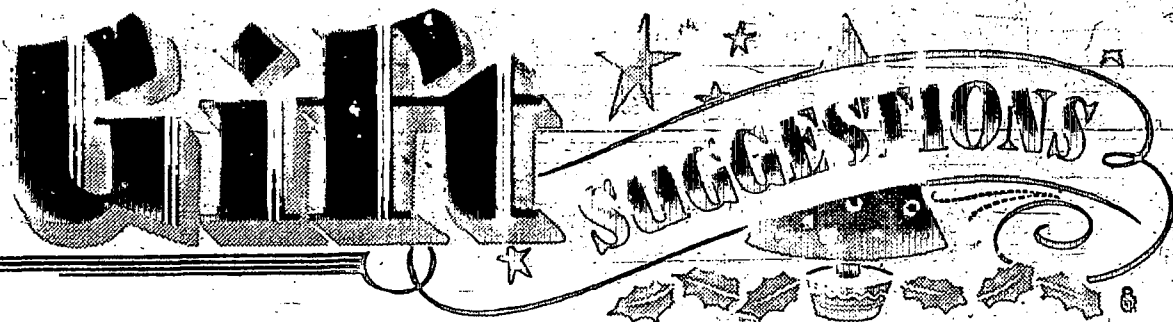
After awhile he fell asleep.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

**Cakes Printed in Germany**  
A famous Christmas cake in Germany is Aachen Printen, from which the English word "print" is derived.

In the days before book-printing the idea of imprint belonged to the baking business to express the making of patterns in cakes. Many of these cakes have figures representing the old gods Wotan and Thor.

**Santa May Not Smoke Cigars**  
Santa Claus, perhaps, doesn't smoke—or he would be better informed on the quality of cigars.



## HANSON HARDWARE

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## Grange Notes

The "Eat with the Army" supper served at the Grange Hall on Armistice Day, was well attended. One hundred and thirty were served and the committee wishes to thank every one who helped in any way.

Mr. Schumann won the door prize, which was a nice turkey furnished by Martha Petersen.

The meeting of November 15th was attended by only a few members as most of them were busy with hunters.

December 6 was an open meeting, which was well attended. At this meeting officers were installed and the work was done by Past Master Florence Wakeley, assisted by George Skingley, and the delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Howse, the following taking office: Worthy Master, John Knecht; Overseer, Richard Babbitt; Lecture, Cynthia Knecht; Steward, Elmer Ostrander; Assistant Steward, Charles Corwin; Chaplain, Bertha Williams; Treasurer, Nettie Stephan; Secretary, Flora Skingley; Gatekeeper, Carrah Corwin; Ceres, Henrietta Love; Flora, Idessa Annis, (absent); Promona, Elizabeth Serven, Lady Assistant, Lillian Schlieber.

The delegates gave a very interesting report on the state convention. Mrs. Howse worked on the Home Economics committee, and Mr. Howse on the Legislative committee. He said their biggest problem was the weight tax. A controversial weight tax resolution, which advocated a decrease of the weight tax from 35 cents to 25 cents per hundred weight was adopted.

Several songs were sung by the members. Also, the juvenile members sang "God Bless America." They also served the pot luck lunch, which was enjoyed by everyone.

All Juvenile members please come for the next meeting, which will be in the afternoon, December 20. Adult members



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SAIL on, oh ship of state!... Humanity... is hanging breathlessly on thy fate.

Henry W. Longfellow

President Lincoln considered this one of his favorite quotations. These words are particularly significant these days when America is becoming the last refuge of civilization.

also please remember the date. Pot luck dinner at 12:30 sharp.

The Grange ladies will have a Christmas sale at Connine's Grocery Saturday, Dec. 13, starting at 11 o'clock. Bake goods, gifts, also get your Christmas greens and trimmings here. Ladies, don't forget this sale.

Any member who wishes to give anything for this sale, it will be appreciated by the committee.

Everyone was glad to see our loyal member, Florence Wakeley with us once more.

President's Yacht  
The Potomac, President Roosevelt's yacht, carries two 50 caliber anti-aircraft machine guns and anti-magnetic mine equipment.

## Winter Sports Memberships

\$5.00 plus 50c tax, entitles holder, wife and all dependent children to all facilities of the park.

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## "NAVY INTELLIGENCE"

Must I pass any intelligence test before I am accepted by the U. S. Navy? Yes. Among other requirements of the Navy you must take a written examination of one hundred questions and you will be permitted one hour to complete the examination. These questions are of a general nature and should be readily answerable by any intelligent young man.

What does the expression "To Shoot Charlie Noble" mean in the United States Navy? It means to clean the galley smokepipe of soot and dirt by firing a pistol therein.

What does "Java" mean in the United States Navy? Java is one of the Navy's names for coffee—and the U. S. Navy uses more coffee than any other military

or naval organization in the world.

How did "Aye, Aye" originate in the United States Navy? It is the old English for "Yes," taken from an expression used by sailors of the English Navy.

Can a recruit in the U. S. Navy or the Naval Reserve keep a camera on shipboard or at the Naval Training Station to which he is assigned? No. Cameras are contraband and so are jackknives although new recruits will receive regulation Navy jackknives shortly after their training periods begin. New recruits are requested not to bring watches, pins or rings as they are not permitted to wear jewelry during their training periods.

How many U. S. Navy Recruiting Stations are there in the country? There are 35 Main

Stations distributed through 5 Recruiting Divisions, and 259 Recruiting Substations. If an applicant passes his preliminary examination at one of the Substations he is given credentials and told to report to one of the Main Stations in the large city nearest the Substation where he will be given a thorough medical examination. If an applicant is rejected at the Main Station he will be given his transportation back to the substation from which he started.

If a seaman in the U. S. Navy is eligible to take the entrance examination for the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, he is given a special preparatory training. Yes, there is a Naval Academy Preparatory School at Norfolk, Virginia, that trains eligible enlisted men for entrance examinations to Annapolis.

What would a composite picture of the average recruit in the U. S. Navy be like? The average recruit in the U. S. Navy would be an American citizen and the son of citizens. He would be nineteen and a half years of age, 5 feet 8.2 inches tall and would weigh approximately 145 pounds. The average education of all en-

## "Rookies" Train At Higgins Lake Training School

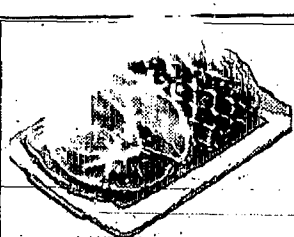
Twenty "rookies" learning law, mapping, surveying, first aid, pistol marksmanship, and forest fire fighting tactics this week at Higgins Lake training school are opening the conservation department's winter in-service training program.

The "rookie" officers all have been in the field for a few months working with experienced men. This two-week school will be their longest classroom training period. Refresher courses for experienced conservation officers, which begin early in January, are each five days long.

Besides training in technical matters, the new officers are learning also of their work in relation to fish, game, forestry, lands, and conservation education affairs.

Listed men in the Navy is three completed years of high school although a high school education is not required. The majority of enlisted men select naval aviation mechanics training as their first choice.

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By GENE ALLEMAN  
Michigan Press Association

Lansing—That 60-day "cooling off" period for strikes in national defense industries, as proposed in the Smith bill adopted by the House last week, was a national bouquet handed to the Michigan state legislature.

It was the much-abused legislature which, in 1939, provided a waiting time of five days between the actual call and the actual walk-out in an industrial strike. A 30-day clause, affecting public emergencies, was later interpreted by the state labor mediation board to apply to national defense industries.

The significant difference is that the proposed federal plan is just twice as severe. Minnesota requires a 10-day notice; Colorado, 30 days. But Michigan, one of the few outstanding "arsenals" in the defense program, has apparently set a precedent of national importance.

## Right to Strike

Labor's right to strike, as well as its fundamental right of collective bargaining, is fully recognized under the Smith bill.

The Canadian war-time labor plan of requiring a secret ballot for strike elections in defense plants is incorporated in the house bill. The Wagner act set a precedent for this in the arrangement for collective bargaining elections under government supervision. The strike election merely asks for a majority vote, as contrasted to the C.I.O. strike in the "captive" coal mine field called personally by John L. Lewis.

Another reflection of public resentment against Lewis' closed shop stand was a house provision to prohibit organizational strikes or jurisdictional strikes in any defense plant for the duration of the present emergency.

## "Full Sacrifice"

Today's choice of labor and management was expressed by President Roosevelt at the international labor office conference at the White House one month ago, when he said:

"The choice we have to make is this: Shall we make our full sacrifices now, produce to the limit, and deliver our products today and day to the battle fronts of the entire world? Or shall we remain satisfied with our present rate of armament output, postponing the day of real sacrifice as did the French—until it is too late?"

"The first is the choice of realism—realism in terms of three shifts a day. The fullest use of every vital machine every minute of every day and every night; realism in terms of staying on the job and getting things made, and entrusting industrial grievances to the established machinery of collective bargaining—the machinery set up by a free people.

"The second choice is the approach of the blind and the deluded who think that perhaps we could do business with Hitler. For them there is still 'plenty of

time'... And their tombstones would bear the legend 'Too late!'"

## Living Costs

The labor situation is linked closely to present inflation of prices, as we reviewed recently in this column. Farmers do not want ceiling of farm prices unless Congress puts a limit on labor's wages. Labor sees an opportunity in the defense prosperity to get closed shop agreements with checkoff of union dues from employees' wages. Hence the weapon of calling strikes for increased wages or contracts is valued highly by labor leaders.

Congress doesn't want to offend either the farmer or the laborer, since 1942 is going to be an election year for many congressmen.

In the meantime, strikes continue and prices continue to go up in an inflationary spiral. The incentive to "buy now" is pushing a \$3,000,000,000 Christmas retail sales—an all-time record for these United States!

## Lowering Standards

Federal Price Administrator Leon Henderson warned last week that prices have already climbed 11 per cent, will continue to do so at the rate of 1 1/2 per cent each month, and are expected to soar to 20 per cent above pre-emergency level by next spring—unless something is done at once.

As Henderson phrases it, "It means a 20 per cent reduction in the standard of living of anyone who lives on a fixed income." Here is another inkling of what the President meant when he referred to "full sacrifice" in our war upon Hitler. Everyone is going to "pay", in more ways than taxes and bonds, unless income is increased along with prices. Recent price raises have already nullified wage gains of some labor groups.

As every business man knows, a rise in prices forces up costs, a rise in costs forces up living costs, higher living costs heightens wage demands, higher wages add to manufacturing costs leading in turn to higher prices—and so, on and on.

As compiled by Business Week, the increase of prices and costs during the past nine months have been as follows: Wholesale prices, 14.1%; department store prices 13.4; cost of living, 9.6; hourly wage rates, 10.6; and labor cost per unit of output, 7.7. It is proof of one thing: Inflation is here.

## Politics

If a democracy is to function, it must have elections. And 1942 brings another popular poll.

In Michigan the interest is going to center on candidates for governor and United States senator. Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner and Prentiss Brown will be the Democrats' choice. Harry F. Kelly is being pushed far into the lead as the Republican candidate for governor, although Kelly has not committed himself publicly and is heading a movement to organize the party on a state-wide basis.

Fear of offending farm or labor votes in any strike or price legislation is an obvious factor in the present hesitation at Washington. The Smith strike bill drew Michigan support along party lines. Twelve Republicans voted for it while five Democrats opposed it. And so it goes.

"Too late!" for defense production? "Too late!" for price control?

Time will provide the answer

## First C. of C.

The first chamber of commerce was formed at Marseilles in the Fifth century.

## La Befana, Penitent Old Woman Brings Christmas Gifts in Italy

Santa Claus doesn't visit children in Italy. It isn't because they are all naughty, but because there is no Santa Claus in Italy.

No one runs down to a well decorated tree on Christmas morning to look for presents.



La Befana still carries her presents for the Christ Child.

Flowers decorate the room instead of Christmas trees, and presents are not exchanged until January 6.

On that night, an old, old lady, La Befana, walks from house to house and leaves a present beside each little child's cradle.

Exactly 1,040 years ago, according to the Italian legend, La Befana was very busy sweeping her kitchen

when several men dressed like shepherds stopped in front of her cottage. They asked her where Bethlehem was, but she had never heard of it.

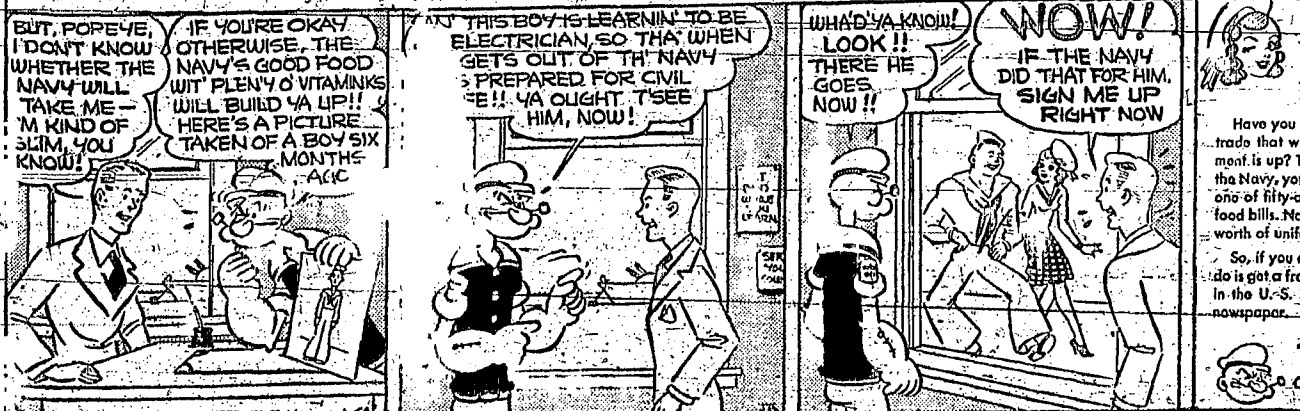
The men told her about a baby which had been born in Bethlehem and mentioned a star which had been guiding them. The old woman wished she could accompany them when they left her in search of infant Jesus.

But La Befana stayed home. She was getting too dark out, and besides, the baby could wait tomorrow. Later that night she fled the sky quivering with the thought of angels. All thought of sleep was gone. Rising, she carefully wrapped two gifts for the Holy Baby, ran out into the night in the direction the kings had gone.

Fast as she hurried, she had reached Bethlehem when the stars disappeared and dawn broke. She frantically asked the way to Bethlehem, but no one could help her.

And so La Befana has been traveling since that day, carrying gifts for the Christ Child. On the evening of January 6, she goes from house to house, leaving a gift, hoping that she will give her penitent right child.

## POPEYE, THE RECRUITING OFFICER, DEVELOPS A PICTURE!



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So, if you are 17 or over, the best thing you can do is get a free copy of the illustrated booklet, "Life in the U. S. Navy," from the Navy Editor of this newspaper.

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## Northern Lights

### Visual Education

Besides the regular films, the Home Economics department gained information about home management from the sound film "Happily Ever After."

The "Wearing Away of the Land" pictured the forces of nature at work wearing away and building up the soil. The "Velocity of Chemical Reactions" described the causes of the speed of chemical action.

### Attendance

For the month ending on November 19, the attendance averages were as follows:

| Grade   | Average |
|---------|---------|
| K-82.8% |         |
| 1-92.9  |         |
| 2-90.8  |         |
| 3-94.7  |         |
| 4-95.1  |         |
| 5-92.2  |         |
| 6-93.5  |         |

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|---------|
| 6-93.9  |
| 5-92.7  |
| 7-95.4  |
| 8-91.8  |
| 9-94.5  |
| 10-87.5 |
| 11-92.4 |
| 12-91.8 |

Again the 7th grade leads the entire school with the 4th grade a close second.

### Third Grade News

We are learning Christmas songs for our Christmas party. We are also decorating our room in Christmas colors.

The third grade heard that one of its members was in a fight. We hope it won't happen again.

The honor roll includes: Edwin Bancroft, Howard Babbitt, Roger Barber, Joan Bond, Patsy Failing, George Granger, Terry Hilton, Betty Mathewson, Lee Nolan, Dale Schwerdt, Helen Sorenson, Billy Worden and Phyllis Ziebell.

## Free Press Editor Goes Deer Hunting

(By Charles P. Ward)

### Ward Turns Attention to Deer

Portrait of a man thinking out loud while hunting deer.

Nice place, this Michiganian's Lodge, with the help of Duke Macneven, Roy Irongton, Leo Seimauer, and the rest of the busy Grayling crowd a guy can rough it up here just as easily as in the water.

Well, here's the place. Leo said to go about 300 yards toward the swamp and take a seat in a jackpine. There's a park-like place there where the visibility's good and deer cross continually. But, baby, you'll be lucky to find it in this darkness.

On, oh, what was that? The Grayling version of "Yean, Greenberg," no doubt. Deer giving you the old razzoo. Whoops, kid, here they come. Club your gun, Ward, and go down fighting—those babies are charging! Geez, there they are! Four tails go left and one slinks off to the right. That cagy guy might be the buck. They should have waited until daylight before charging around like that. Who could see horns on a night like this?

Kid, those things were almost on top of you before they wended you. You must be getting good. Like that old settler up north of Algoma. The guy won't have any Indians around his hunting camp. Says Indians make too much noise in the woods.

Well, it's becoming lighter now. Lady Luck, bring on some bucks. This looks like Leo's park-like place. Nice spot. Here's a good busy jackpine. Now for a long sit.

### Roughing It in a Mild Way

That wasn't a bad breakfast the old enemy of Escoffier served this morning. But why the hell did he have to puncture the yolks of the fried eggs? Trying out his sticking knife, no doubt. Well, a guy can't have everything in the woods.

Boy, look at the tips of those conifers. They seem to be on fire. A forest fire? Nope. No smoke. Besides, the woods are too damp. Oh, oh, that's the old sun peeping over the top of the ridges and hitting the tips of the trees. Turns them into thousands of candles.

Not many hunters around. You can thank the coach for that. That was a swell gag he pulled

### Compass May Be Right at That

Getting dark now and there won't be much more hunting. Now, how do you get out of here? You came in southeast and must get back northwest. Which way is that? Northwest is over there. Better consult your compass. No, it says that northwest is over in that direction. Better find out in a hurry or you are not getting out of here tonight. Rush the way you think you should go. No, there's a swamp there. Now to get back where you started. Brother, you are lost! Better hurry and find out where you are before it gets too dark.

Whoa, kid, slow down. People who get lost always rush around like that. And some of them until they are exhausted. Better sit down, build a fire and take another look at the compass and find out which way you have to go to hit the road. If you can't figure it out, prepare to stay all night. Let those other guys hunt for you.

That compass seems screwy but it says northwest is that way.

Well, take its advice and blaze your trail so you can get back here if the compass is really screwy. Okay.

Gee, here's the road. And there comes a car. The coach looking for you. Did you get lost, he's asking. Who, me? Lost in these woods. Hell, no. I was just waiting for another shot. What he don't know won't hurt him.—Detroit Free Press.

## Get Navy Applications At Avalanche Office

Enlistment periods are for 2, 3, and 4 years and also for minority enlistments.

Varicose and hydrocele will be corrected at the training station if necessary.

Nasal deformities will be accepted if they can be corrected. Seasonal hay fever men accepted if not complicated with asthma.

Undernourished and underdeveloped applicants providing condition is not due to organic disease.

Hernia applicants will be considered if they pass the I.Q. test with a mark of 75% or better.

No I.Q. test required with the single exception of hernia applicants.

Birth certificate is needed.

Office hours of the Navy Recruiting Station in the Alpena Post Office Building are from 8:00 A. M. until 8:00 P. M. daily except Sundays. Hours on Sundays are from 12:00 noon until 4:00 P. M.

### Gifts For Soldiers

Answering a growing number of requests for information on appropriate Christmas gifts for soldiers in the expanding Army of the United States, Headquarters Sixth Corps Area in Chicago today announced the results of a gift survey completed among Chaplains, Morale Officers and soldiers.

Major General J. M. Cummins, commanding the Sixth Corps Area, pointed out, however, that the survey was conducted among soldiers in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin and that gift buyers should consider where soldiers are stationed in making selections.

"Because the Army is now so widespread geographically there are many special and unusual conditions to be met," said General Cummins. "Whether fur lined mittens or swimming trunks would be particularly well received depends on where the soldier is stationed," he pointed out.

General Cummins expressed belief that in general, families and friends of soldiers should be advised to send gifts of a practical nature. "Candy, cigarettes, smoking materials and money are universally popular wherever soldiers are stationed," he said. "Many soldiers are glad to receive subscriptions to home town newspapers and many well known periodicals are offering special rates on subscriptions for men in the service."

From the soldier's point of view, the Sixth Corps Area survey showed that any gifts for his personal comfort and enjoyment were acceptable. It was suggested, however, that gifts not be bulky and easily portable.

Non-perishable things to eat were recommended—as well as cakes and cookies—as only mothers and grandmothers can make them.

All Christmas gifts should be well-marked, properly addressed and mailed early.

Among the other suggested gifts were pajamas, bath robes, sweaters, house slippers, athletic clothing and equipment, razors, shaving material, lighters, soap (bath and face), talcum powder, tooth brushes, tooth powder or paste, wrist watches, pocket knives, sewing kits, tan shoe polish, clothes brushes, metal polish, handkerchiefs, photo, albums, scrap books, cameras, postage stamps, fountain pens, automatic pencils, hair brushes, combs, nail files, nail clippers, musical instruments, college and high school publications.

## Grayling Ski Instructor Wants to Enlist

Alfred Orhn, Grayling Winter Sports Park ski instructor and World War veteran, told army recruiting officers at Saginaw Tuesday he would be willing to fire out as a ski troop instructor at \$30 a month.

Recruiting Sgt. Joseph Zimmerman said Orhn's 44 years might keep him from the service, although he has sought a waiver of the age limit.

Orhn was United States ski jump champion in 1925-26.

### Retain Original Flavor

Vegetables, meats and fish retain their original flavor when reheated, if placed in a tightly covered double boiler, steamer or egg-cooker. This method prevents dryness and scorching.



FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the waiting room.

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a successful young architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's griled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was, the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then, either. There had been a quick decision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-bye to his parents and then—off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a fellow determination. Today, just 30 months later, he was coming back home with a career already carved out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad to see you, boy, and a Merry Christmas! Your folks know you're coming in?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Petel!" Dick answered. "It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. 'Mind if I use your phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight.'"

A few minutes later the old family car was carrying him home. His Dad looked older, and a mite wor-



"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked.

"Heard from Jean, son?" he finally asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother waiting at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he stopped at the drugstore that night—they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more of those memories next morning when he started out alone on skis for Murray's hill. They used to play there in the winter, he and Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he snapped at himself. "That's a closed chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that he saw her. Skiing down Murray's hill for the last time he rounded Horseshoe bend to find Jean directly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and they four feet sticking out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?"

"It was rather unromantic, perhaps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she cried.

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas—and well, had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I somehow knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey!

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Beginning of the New Year. Various dates were used in different countries for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

## Empire State Express World's Finest Train

BEGAN DAILY SERVICE SUNDAY, NEW YORK TO DETROIT.

The Avalanche is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Herbert W. Wolff of New York City, in which she tells about the Empire State Express that was put into service last Sunday by the New York Central Railroad System.

Folders and newspaper clippings give graphic descriptions of this new luxurious train. It is "flew in-luxury, new in comfort, new in its countless modern provisions for recreation and rest," this stainless steel streamliner is a fitting testimony to the growth and progress of New York State during the Empire's 50 years of service.

Mrs. Wolff says she was privileged in being one of the special guests for the dedication ceremonies. Gov. Lehmann made the dedication address and Mrs. Lehmann christened the train. Mr. Alger, an official of the American Car & Foundry Co., was master of ceremonies.

The doors of the train were open for public exhibition at the Grand Central Terminal, New York City, when over 35,000 people viewed the train between the hours of 10:00 a. m. and 10:00 o'clock that night.

## Boxing Tournament At Mt. Pleasant Jan. 27-30

The Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing tournament for this district is to be held in Mt. Pleasant on January 27, and 30. The Mt. Pleasant Lions club and the Isabella County Times News are co-sponsors of the event. The tournament is conducted under the strict rules of the Amateur Athletic Union and is sanctioned by the Michigan State Boxing commission.

The winners in both novice and open divisions are to be sent to the Bay City tournament on January 26, with all expenses paid. Other prizes will be awarded under the amateur rules.

Anyone wanting entry blanks may get them at the Avalanche Office.

## Love School First To Report Seal Sale

First rural school in Crawford county to send in its seal sale report was Love school, whose twenty pupils sold an average of 40 seals each, according to Lois Kempf, director of rural school seal education for the Michigan Tuberculosis Association.

Miss Kempf expressed her appreciation to Lloyd Dummmond, teacher of Love School, for the prompt way in which he had carried on the sale.

## New Winter Sports Highway Maps Out

The new winter edition of the Official Michigan Highway map is off the press again. They are prepared to provide the latest information concerning the Michigan Highway system, and are distributed by the State Highway Department.

The cover has been designed to symbolize the highway department's function in relation to National Defense.

A new feature on the reverse side is an animated winter sports map along with the directory of winter sports activities in Michigan. Winter sports in Michigan have become tremendously popular during the past few years. The purpose of the map and directory is to familiarize Michigan and outstate motorists with the locations and facilities of Michigan's outstanding winter sports areas.

### STILL TIME TO READ "RIDDLE IN RED"

The new mystery thriller serial novel in The American Weekly with The Detroit Sunday Times. You can start with this week's installment to follow Jonathan Stagg's stirring story of strange murders, evil intrigue, weird revenge and blighted love. Be sure to get The American Weekly with The Detroit Sunday Times this week and every week.

### Hard Cider for Colds

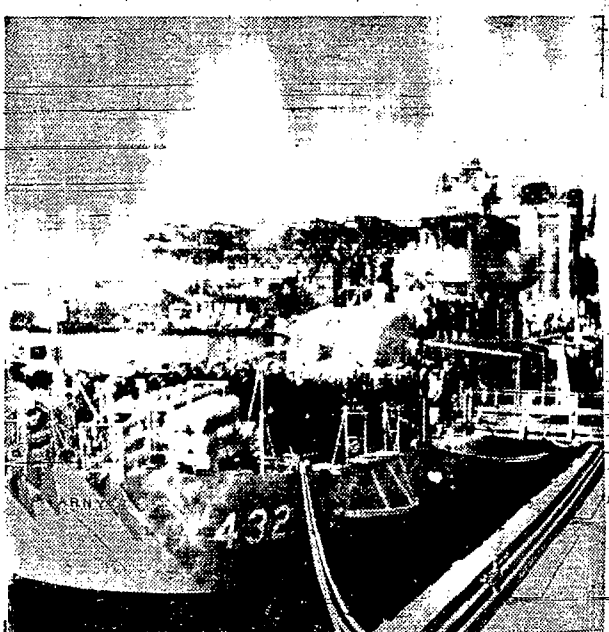
As a remedy for colds it was formerly quite the thing to take a mug of hard cider and sprinkle it liberally with cayenne pepper. Then a stove poker that had been heated red hot was thrust into the mug causing it to boil and foam. This beverage was quaffed as soon as the poker was taken out. It made such an acceptable remedy that on many a New England farm it is served today although not necessarily for colds but as a most heartening drink.

## As Neutrality

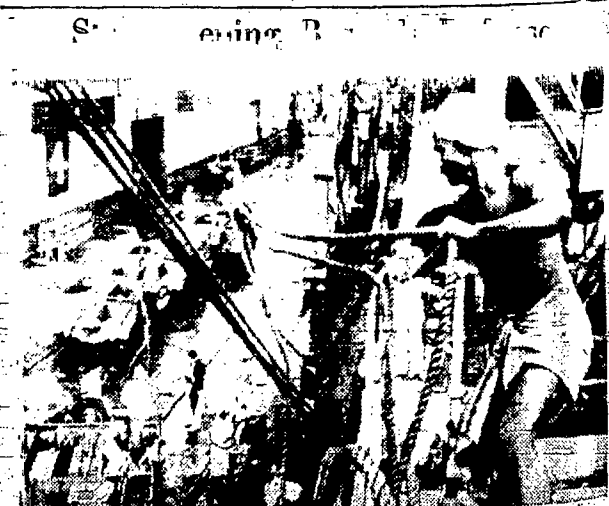


Revision of the neutrality act in the house was one of the hardest fought battles to come before that body in years. These photos, taken on the day the bill was repealed, show (top), left to right, Speaker Sam Rayburn and Majority Leader John McCormack, examining letter from President Roosevelt declaring that a vote by the house against repeal would "cause rejoicing in the Axis countries." Below: left to right, Rep. James F. Richards (S. C.) floor leader for the Democratic opposition congratulates Rep. Sol Bloom (N. Y.), leader of fight for passage.

## U. S. Destroyer Torpedoed on Patrol



View in Brooklyn navy yard when the U. S. destroyer, Kearny, was commissioned, under command of Lieut. Commander A. L. Davis. The destroyer was torpedoed while on patrol duty, about 350 miles southwest of Iceland. The ship continued on its course, under its own power, to an unnamed port, with 11 members of the crew missing and 10 injured, two of them seriously. The navy department stated that the attack on the Kearny was undoubtedly made by a German submarine. The Kearny was launched in March, 1940, at Kearny, N. J., and had a complement of 13 officers and 177 men.

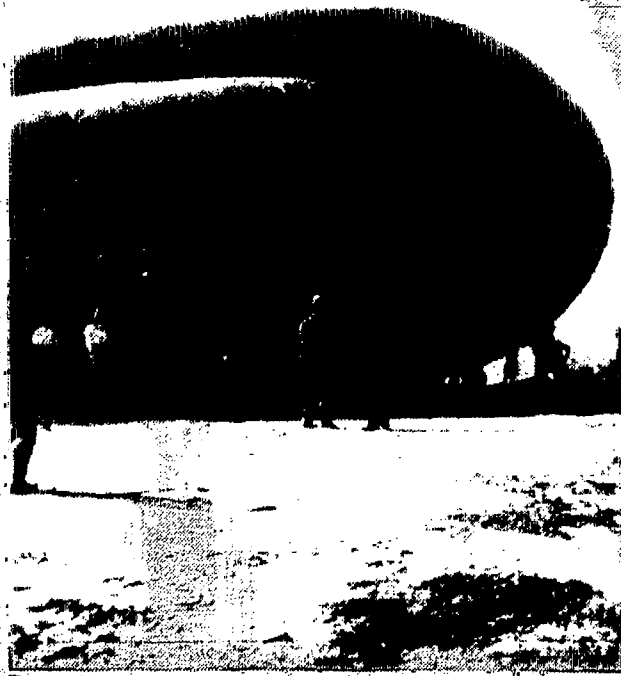


A Burmese longshoreman, clad only in breechcloth, aids in unloading Brea gun carriers from a British freighter at Rangoon. Burma is very much in the spotlight as the gateway through which passes British and American supplies to keep the Chinese fighting. One of Japan's threats was that she would cut the Burma road.



Mrs. Roosevelt, assistant director of civilian defense, presided at a conference on women's activities in civilian defense. Sixty-seven women's organizations were represented. Left to right, Paul V. McNutt, E. J. Davison, assistant director of women's activities, Mrs. Roosevelt, and Civilian Defense Director LaGuardia.

## Breakfast of Helium



A long tube is feeding helium into the barrage balloon of the U. S. marine corps in a process known as "topping off" at Farris Island, S. C. The balloon is made of neoprene, a synthetic rubber, while London balloons are made of real rubber. The purpose of the barrage balloon is to keep the enemy flying too high for effective bombing.